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HONEY PRODUCTION

Arizona produced 1.01 million pounds of honey in 2014, down 3 percent from 2013. The state had 26,000 producing colonies with an annual yield per colony of 39 pounds. Arizona honey stocks inventory on December 15, 2014 were 193,000 pounds. The value of honey production for 2014 was \$2.05 million dollars, up slightly from 2013. The average honey price was \$2.02 per pound.

Colorado produced 999,000 pounds of honey in 2014, down 11 percent from 2013. The state had 27,000 producing colonies with an annual yield per colony of 37 pounds. Colorado honey stocks inventory on December 15, 2014 were 200,000 pounds. The value of honey production for 2014 was \$2.00 million dollars, down 15 percent from 2013. Average honey price was \$2.00 per pound.

Montana produced 14.26 million pounds of honey in 2014, down 5 percent from 2013. The state had 162,000 producing colonies with an annual yield per colony of 88 pounds. Montana honey stocks inventory on December 15, 2014 were 5.13 million pounds. The value of honey production for 2014 was \$29.23 million dollars, down 6 percent from 2013. The average honey price was \$2.05 per pound.

New Mexico honey production was not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Utah produced 812,000 pounds of honey in 2014, down 20 percent from 2013. The state had 29,000 producing colonies with an annual yield per colony of 28 pounds. Utah honey stocks inventory on December 15, 2014 were 130,000 pounds. The value of honey production for 2014 was \$1.73 million dollars, down 19 percent from 2013. The average honey price was \$2.13 per pound.

Wyoming produced 2.32 million pounds of honey in 2014, down 25 percent from 2013. The state had 38,000 producing colonies with an annual yield per colony of 61 pounds. Wyoming honey stocks inventory on December 15, 2014 were 255,000 pounds. The value of honey production for 2014 was \$4.78 million dollars, down 27 percent from 2013. The average honey price was \$2.06 per pound.

U.S. Honey production in 2014 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 178 million pounds, up 19 percent from 2013. There were 2.74 million colonies producing honey in 2014, up 4 percent from 2013. Yield per colony averaged 65.1 pounds, up 15 percent from the 56.6 pounds in 2013. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 41.2 million pounds on December 15, 2014, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

U.S. Honey prices increased to a record high during 2014 to 216.1 cents per pound, up 1 percent from 214.1 cents per pound in 2013. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2013 crop reflect honey sold in 2013 and 2014. Some 2013 crop honey was sold in 2014, which caused some revisions to the 2013 crop prices.

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